Weaponry Defence Budget *Vis-A-Vis* total defence budget

147. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 779 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th July, 2002 and state the figures for the last three years annually of the percentage of weaponry defence budget of the total defence budget?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): The percentages of weaponry defence budget of all the three Services with reference to total defence budget for the last three years are as follows:—

Year	Percentage (%)
1999-2000	10.06
2000-2001	08.76
2001-2002	08.93

Acquisition of flight simulators for training fighter pilots

148. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Air Force is using flight simulators to train its fighter pilots;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to acquire advanced fighter jet simulators equivalent to acquiring advanced jet trainers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES):(a) and (b) Indian Air Force is using MIG-21 Simulator, Jaguar Simulator, Mirage 2000 Simulator and Air Combat Simulator, to train its fighter pilots.

(c) and (d) Simulators help in enhancing skill levels and in practicing emergencies and procedures in a safe environment and are complementary to but not equivalent to advanced jet trainers. Fighter jet simulators are being inducted from time to time.